

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1201

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Miss Tennessee National Teenager Scholarship Program and Paige Goddard, State Director.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those exemplary organizations that focus on emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens, while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such prestigious entity is the Miss Tennessee National Teenager Scholarship Program, which is currently celebrating its fortieth year of operation and, as part of America's National Teenager, is the longest running premier pageant for teens in the United States; and

WHEREAS, by combining the elements of scholarship and service as well as glamour, the Miss Tennessee National Teenager Scholarship Program highlights young ladies who are exemplary role models of leadership, scholastic achievement, and service to their community; and

WHEREAS, taking a positive approach to pageantry, Miss Tennessee National Teenager is selected by the use of a scoring system that focuses on a "real girl" – a typical teen in her daily life, spotlighting what makes her special; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Nashville, America's National Teen has awarded more than \$102 million in scholarships during its forty years of operation and continues its high standard of excellence by awarding approximately \$100,000 annually in scholarships in each state competition; and

WHEREAS, an accredited pageant system, America's National Teen strives each year to continue its mission of promoting strong scholastic ideals, solid leadership principles, and high character growth; its winners, at both the State and National levels, are awarded scholarships and the opportunity to serve as positive role models to teens across America; and

WHEREAS, proud of their legacy of community service, both the National and Tennessee programs have focused on four centralized areas of need: women, children, animals and nature, which has resulted in titleholders working in support of such worthy causes and organizations as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Children's Aid Society, The Elephant Sanctuary, The Ocean Conservancy, CARE, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, and Mercy Ministries; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Tennessee National Teenager Scholarship Program crowns winners in a four-tiered system with a Miss Tennessee Preteen (9-12), a Miss Tennessee Jr. Teen (13-15), a Miss Tennessee Teenager (16-18), and an ANTSO Miss (19-25), with the runners-up in each age division having the opportunity to become Miss Tennessee Sweetheart and also represent the state; and

WHEREAS, the winners of the Miss Tennessee Teenager Scholarship Program go on to represent Tennessee at the National pageant held each year and are very cognizant of the importance of education and the impact they can have on the future of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this admirable program is under the expert guidance and leadership of Paige Goddard, State Director, whose dedication and commitment to excellence should be rightfully applauded and commended by the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we recognize and commend this outstanding organization and its service to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Miss Tennessee National Teenager Scholarship Program and its State Director, Paige Goddard, as this illustrious organization marks its fortieth anniversary of operation and extend our best wishes for many more years of continuing success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.